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MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Steve Plotkin, John Conroy, Lisa Andrzejewski

Member Absent: Kevin Stanis

Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Chairman Plotkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Ron Kane - 53 Mountain Road

Mr. Kane stated that he went to Planning & Zoning Commission and explained that he wanted to plant grass on his property in an area where there is a conservation easement. The Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the area and determined that if the grass was planted without substantial grading then it would be allowed. Mrs. Andrzejewski read a letter from Planning & Zoning Commission dated 8/14/14 indicating that the planting of grass could be done on the property. Mr. Conroy stated that the wetlands marker will need to be moved once the grass is planted. Mr. Kane stated that it will be planted in the spring.

MOTION: L. Andrzejewski/J. Conroy to approve the planting of grass at
53 Mountain Road.
Motion Carried 3-0.

James Brennan, 124 Bungay Road

Atty. Steve Kulas, 12 Bank Street representing James Brennan stated that in December 2013 a three lot subdivision was approved at the corner of Mr. Brennan's property and Canter Street. Mr. Brennan hired a surveyor who physically went to the property and placed the pins where the brook is. The pins are in a different location than those shown on the approved subdivision map. Atty. Kulas stated that they are before the Commission in order to start the process on changing the map so that the brook is correctly delineated.

Atty. Brian Lema stated that they feel that the recorded map is incorrect. He stated that he will need to do further research on this. Atty. Kulas stated that they want an accurate map on file. He stated that they wanted to make the Commission aware of the situation with the map. Atty. Lema stated that he will contact Atty. Kulas and look into the matter and how it should be corrected.

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Site Plan - 144 Grand Street

Michael Horbal was present representing Kris Byszkowiecki, 144 Grand Street. Mr. Horbal stated that Mr. Byszkowiecki was issued a cease and desist order and the existing barn on his property needs to be demolished. The barn is located adjacent to wetlands. He stated that the barns have been on the property since 1866 which have been condemned and need to be removed. Mr. Byszkowiecki wants to remove the barns and construct a garage which will be closer to the wetlands. It will be a two story garage and he will also be constructing a retaining wall.

Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that there is a large amount of wetlands on the property and felt that the Commission may want to hire a wetlands specialist to help them in reviewing this application. She also felt that the maps presented did not accurately show everything that will be done on the property. Mr. Jezierny stated that he has been on the property several times and the concern is with the existing barns which could be a safety hazard.

The members felt that they would like to do a site walk and also requested that the maps be revised to show all the proposed work.

Site Plan – 4 Mead Farm Road

Don Smith was present representing Phil Marini. Mr. Smith stated that the application is for an interior lot which was originally part of a subdivision from 1979 and was never built on. In 2004 it was approved with a septic system and well. Mr. Smith stated that another subdivision was done in the area and sewers were brought into the area. In 2007 a revised application was filed showing a connection to the sanitary sewers. The house was not built and the approval expired. He stated that they are asking for a re-approval of the same plan. Mr. Jezierny stated that he received a call about clearing being done on the property and he informed the owner that the approval had expired.

Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that she is familiar with this property and it is a small lot with a lot of wetlands and it is very wet. She stated that the soil scientist report on file is from 2003 and felt it should be updated. Mr. Smith stated that this is the same plan that was approved in 2004 and again in 2007 and they are just seeking re-approval. Mr. Conroy stated that it had been previously approved and he did not see how it has changed much. Mrs. Andrzejewski was concerned about the impact to the wetlands with the construction of the house. Mr. Conroy stated that would be his concern also and that the area needs to be protected during construction. Mr. Plotkin stated that he not think that a new soil scientist report was necessary. He stated that the Commission had walked the site and had thoroughly reviewed the plans previously.

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Mrs. Andrzejewski felt that the wetlands will not survive. Mr. Plotkin stated that is an enforcement issue. Mr. Jezierny stated that the application cannot be accepted this evening as there are sections that are not signed by the applicant.

MOTION: J. Conroy/L. Andrzejewski to accept the application with the condition that it is completely signed.
Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION: L. Andrzejewski/J. Conroy to approve the permit for 4 Mead Farm Road with the condition that silt fence and markers be placed in the wetlands area.
Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION: L. Andrzejewski/J. Conroy to approve the storm water management plan for 4 Mead Farm Road.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Subdivision - 23-25 Jacko Drive

Michael Horbal was present representing PASJ, LLC. He stated that this is an application for a three lot subdivision at the end of Jacko Drive, which will be extended approximately 50 feet. The lots will be serviced by individual wells and city sewers. They are proposing to extend the sewers approximately 200' into Jacko Drive. The wetlands have been marked by a soil scientist and his report has been submitted. Mr. Horbal stated that if the application is approved, he will then submit the storm water management plan. He did, however, explain the storm water management system as shown on the plans. Mrs. Andrzejewski felt that it would be helpful to have both together to have a better understanding of adequate water flow. Mr. Plotkin agreed that it would be beneficial to have both filed at the same time. Mr. Horbal noted that there are no wetlands on Lot 1 or Lot 3. The house on Lot 2 will be within the 100' upland review area. The members had some issues with Lot 2 and felt that a site walk would be helpful. The Commission will contact Mr. Horbal to schedule site walks.

Strategic Plan – Housatonic Valley Association

Elaine Labella, Housatonic Valley Association was present and stated that they are a watershed conservation organization and began a project approximately two years ago regarding culverts. They looked at culverts where fish and wildlife may have difficulty passing through and also those with possible flood hazards. She presented copies of a map showing all culverts that were assessed and which ones have a problem. She stated that a report will be created which will be submitted to this Commission, the First

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Selectman and other agencies in town. It would be their recommendation that this be added to the town's hazard litigation plan.

MOTION: L. Andrzejewski/J. Conroy to table the remaining items on the Agenda to the next meeting and to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryanne DeTullio